Amendments to the Claims

Please add new claims 69 and 70. Please amend claims 35-68 as follows:

Claims 1-34 (CANCELLED).

35. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of loading preselected information data for display on a computer monitor by running ~~a stand alone computer~~ an application program that is stand alone independently of other programs on a computer, the application program being configured to detect the occurrence of a wait event ~~or wait condition~~ caused by at least one other program being run on the computer, the wait event resulting in the computer indicating that the computer is in a busy state while the computer ~~a user having to wait for the computer to complete~~ completes at least one processing ~~tasks~~ task commanded from ~~one or more~~ at least one other ~~programs~~ program being run on the computer, the method comprising:

A. detecting ~~a~~ the wait event occurring in at least one other ~~programs~~ program being run on the computer by sensing ~~a~~ the wait event ~~condition~~ and loading a ~~preselected~~ selected information datafile, the detection of the wait event occurring independently of the at least one other ~~programs~~ program being run by the computer and not requiring any modification of the at least one other ~~programs~~ program;

B. displaying information from the selected information datafile on the computer monitor during ~~the occurrence of~~ the wait event; and

C. suspending display of information when the wait event has ended.

36. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 35 further comprising the selection of at least one ~~any one or more~~ of the following user preferences comprising: ~~the~~ a type of information for display as a window; ~~and prioritising the~~ a priority of display of different types of information; ~~the~~ a duration of display of information; ~~or~~ a frequency of display of information; ~~the~~ a number of ~~said~~ windows; ~~the~~ a position and size of the window ~~the windows~~; ~~the~~ a contrast background of the windows; ~~the~~ a transparency level of ~~the~~ a background of the windows; and ~~the~~ a colour of the windows.

37. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 35 further comprising the selection of a corner anchor point that determines the position of ~~the~~ a window for display on ~~the~~ a desktop of the computer monitor screen, the selection of a position on the monitor results in ~~the~~ a corner of the window closest to the position selected becoming ~~the~~ a corner anchor point from which windows appear in a cluster.

38. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 35 further comprising step D~~.~~ of resuming display of the selected information datafile when a further wait event is detected.

39. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 38 further comprising step E. of loading a second ~~or subsequent~~ information datafile for display ~~after the first information datafile has been displayed or~~ when the user chooses to load the second ~~or the subsequent~~ information datafile.

40. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 36 further comprising a means for adjusting the display time in accordance with a user's reading speed and the ~~length or~~ amount of information to be displayed.

41. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 35 comprising a means for selecting an information datafile for use as a teaching tool, the teaching tool means allowing a user to select preferences ~~such as~~ including at least one of: the subject matter; a set of questions; a ~~and~~ degree of difficulty ~~with of the subject matter~~; ~~and the~~ a sequence of display of each of said ~~question~~ set of questions; and a sequence of display of an associated answer.

42. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 35 comprising a means for obtaining information data in a form capable of being displayed on a monitor from a really simply syndication (RSS) feed obtained from a computer host server via a communications network and caching the information ~~or~~ data on a computer hard drive for presentation in a display window at a subsequent wait event.

43. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 42 wherein ~~the~~ a time interval between receipt of updated information from ~~a~~ the RSS feed is automatically adjusted based on recent changes to content in the information data being received by the RSS feed.

44. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 42 wherein in step ~~B,~~ queries for details of updated information relating to the RSS ~~feeds are~~ feed is regularly sent to an internet based computer web server~~s~~, and such queries are monitored and ~~the~~ a query rate is adjusted based on ~~the~~ a threshold of intrusion on ~~the~~ a network bandwidth applying to the computer.

45. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to claim 42 further comprises a ~~means to search~~ search means for searching for information on particular goods ~~and/or~~ and services specified by a user through the RSS feed~~s~~, and the search means being adapted to communicate with an internet based search engine.

46. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer readable medium having instructions stored thereon ~~program embodied on a computer readable medium for use with a computer~~ for loading preselected information data for display on a computer monitor by running ~~a stand alone computer~~ an application program that is stand alone independently of other programs on a computer, the application program being configured to detect the occurrence of a wait event caused by at least one other program being run on the computer, the wait event resulting in the computer indicating that the computer is in a busy state while the computer ~~a user having to wait for the computer to complete~~ completes at least one processing ~~tasks~~ task commanded from ~~one or more~~ at least one other ~~programs~~ program being run on the computer, ~~the computer program comprising~~, the instructions, when executed by the computer, at least direct the computer to:

a. detect~~ing a~~ the wait event occurring in ~~other programs~~ the at least one other program being run on the computer by sensing ~~a~~ the wait event ~~condition~~ and loading a ~~preselected~~ selected information datafile, the detection of the wait event occurring independently of the ~~other programs~~ at least one other program being run by the computer and not requiring any modification of the ~~other programs~~ at least one other program;

b. display~~ing~~ information from the selected information datafile on the computer monitor during ~~the occurrence of~~ the wait event; and

c. suspend~~ing~~ display of information when the wait event has ended.

47. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46 further comprising~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein the computer is further directed to perform the preliminary step ~~i.~~ of allowing a user to select preferences from ~~any one or more~~ at least one of the following user preferences comprising: ~~the~~ a type of information for display as a window; ~~the~~ a duration of the window of information for display; ~~the~~ a number of windows; ~~the~~ a size of the window; ~~the~~ a contrast background of the window; ~~the~~ a transparency level of ~~the~~ a background of the window; and ~~the~~ a colour of the window.

48. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46 further comprising~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein the computer is further directed to perform step d~~.~~ of resuming display of the selected information datafile when a subsequent wait event is detected by way recommencing at ~~the~~ a point where ~~it~~ display of the selected information datafile was suspended ~~at the end of~~ when the wait event ended, and continuing with step b~~.~~ until step c~~.~~ reoccurs.

49. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 48 further including~~ The computer readable medium of claim 48, wherein the computer is further directed to perform step e~~.~~ of loading a second ~~or subsequent~~ information datafile for display ~~after the first information datafile has been displayed or~~ when the user chooses to end the ~~first~~ selected information datafile and load the second ~~or subsequent~~ information datafile.

50. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 47~~ The computer readable medium of claim 48, wherein the preliminary step ~~i.~~ includes preselecting ~~any one or more~~ at least one information datafile~~s~~ from a library of datafiles, the at least one information datafile~~s~~ comprising at least one of information, ~~and/or~~ text, ~~and/or~~ and graphics, ~~and/or audio material~~ in a format suitable for display on a computer monitor.

51. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein in step b~~.~~ ~~the~~ a time period for display of information in a window before ~~the~~ a next frame is shown is automatically adjusted given a user's reading speed and ~~the~~ an amount of information being presented during ~~a~~ the wait event.

52. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein ~~the~~ information ~~provided for display displayed~~ in step b~~.~~ is obtained from ~~a~~ an RSS feed and cached on a computer hard drive for presentation in a display window at a subsequent wait event, and wherein ~~the~~ a time interval between receipt of updated information from ~~a~~ the RSS feed by ~~a~~ the computer is automatically adjusted based on recent changes to content in the selected information datafile being received by the RSS feed.

53. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein in step b~~.~~ queries for details of updated information relating to the RSS feed~~s~~ are regularly sent to internet based computer web server~~s~~, and such queries are monitored and ~~the~~ a queries rate is adjusted based on ~~the~~ a threshold of intrusion on ~~the~~ a network bandwidth applying to the computer.

54. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46 further comprising a means~~ The computer readable medium of claim 48, wherein the computer is further directed to search for information on particular goods ~~and/or~~ and services specified by a user through the RSS feed~~s~~, and wherein the ~~search means~~ computer is adapted to communicate with an internet based search engine.

55. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 47~~ The computer readable medium of claim 47, wherein in step i~~.~~ a user can select an origin point for anchoring a corner of ~~the~~ a display window, the origin point of the display window being ~~the~~ a corner of the display window that is nearest to a corner of ~~the~~ a desktop of the computer monitor.

56. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein in step b~~.~~ the selected information datafile includes information prepared as a sequence of questions and associated answers on a particular subject, and wherein a set of questions and answers on a subject form an information datafile.

57. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 47~~ The computer readable medium of claim 47, wherein at least one of a ~~the~~ number of questions, a ~~and/or the~~ degree of difficulty of the questions, a ~~and/or the~~ sequence of display of each said questions, and an associated answer from each said information datafile is selectable by a user.

58. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein each selected information datafile is displayed ~~sequentially or~~ randomly.

59. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein ~~the~~ a window display is adapted as a personal notepad on ~~a~~ the computer monitor to allow a user to upload data ~~or information~~ onto the personal notepad to generate a personal note, and the personal note is stored for later display at at least one of a predetermined future date and time as a reminder, ~~or displayed~~ and during a wait event.

60. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 25~~ The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein ~~each said~~ the personal note generated is assigned a file category, and ~~each said~~ the personal note and ~~each said~~ the file category is retrievable and updateable.

61. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 59~~ The computer readable medium of claim 60, wherein ~~each said~~ a file category is assigned a ~~different~~ colour to distinguish one file category ~~of said personal note~~ from another category.

62. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein in step ~~i.~~ the application program is adapted to allow a user to ~~encrypt and lock~~ limit access to the selected information datafiles ~~and RSS feeds only to~~ to only authorised users of such information datafiles.

63. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method ~~according to~~ of claim 35, wherein the preselected information data is obtained and stored ready for display when required, and wherein a user manually runs the application program to display the preselected information data at any desirable time.

64. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method ~~according to~~ of claim 35, wherein the ~~stand alone computer~~ application program is not embedded in the ~~other programs~~ at least one other program for which wait events are being detected.

65. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method ~~according to~~ of claim 35, wherein in step A~~.~~, the wait event ~~condition~~ is detected by sensing at least one of ~~any one or more of the following activities, the activities being~~ a trigger sent from another program to the operating system of the computer, ~~or~~ a change in a cursor status, and ~~or by~~ a change in the activity state of an application-specific icon.

66. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method ~~according to~~ of claim 35, wherein in step A, the wait event ~~condition~~ is detected by sensing ~~any one or more of at least two activities~~ at least two of a trigger sent from another program to the operating system of the computer, a change in a cursor status, and a change in the activity state of an application-specific icon.

67. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method ~~according to~~ of claim 35, wherein in step A, the wait event ~~condition~~ is detected by sensing ~~any one or more of three activities~~ a trigger sent from another program to the operating system of the computer, a change in a cursor status, and a change in the activity state of an application-specific icon.

68. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A computer program according to claim 46~~ The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein the ~~stand alone computer~~ application program is not embedded in the at least one other program ~~other programs~~ for which wait events are being detected.

69. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the computer indicates that the computer is in a busy state by changing an indicator displayed on said computer monitor.

70. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 46, wherein the computer indicates that the computer is in a busy state by changing an indicator displayed on said computer monitor.